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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2013 12:26 PM  
**To:** White, Candace  
**Cc:** Jones, Enesta  
**Subject:** EPA HQ 2013-008047

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**From:** Reed, Lucy  
**Sent:** Friday, June 21, 2013 11:19 AM  
**To:** Gentile, Laura; Jones, Enesta  
**Cc:** Gray, David  
**Subject:** RE: KIWI: Reuters and ECHO

COB today.

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**From:** Gentile, Laura  
**Sent:** Friday, June 21, 2013 10:21 AM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta  
**Cc:** Gray, David; Reed, Lucy  
**Subject:** Re: KIWI: Reuters and ECHO

Our folks are working it on this end -- eta, lucy?

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**From:** Jones, Enesta  
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**To:** Gentile, Laura  
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Reporter just pinged me. Can I get an ETA on this one?

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Thanks Lucy

Enesta / David - OECA update on ECHO questions

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How are you coming on this one?



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Report

**OPEN INQUIRIES**



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Alisha, can we close out #2?

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West, Texas

1. Reuters

REPORTER: Ryan McNeill, [ryan.mcneill@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:ryan.mcneill@thomsonreuters.com), 646.223.7446

REPORTER FOLLOW-UP REQUEST ON 6/20:

I know you are working with my colleague, Michael Pell, on another matter. But I need to talk with someone on background today about your raw enforcement data (ICIS-FE&C) to make sure I am using it correctly and interpreting it correctly. For example, I've found what I believe are the settlement of 127 enforcement actions by the EPA involving EPCRA Section 312 violations since Jan. 1, 2012. I'd like to know additional things, such as how to ensure that I'm pulling cases in which a settlement was reached and a fine was paid for those violations. Also, whether it is possible to extract the fines paid specifically for the Section 312 violations and a few other things. I have to move quickly on this and I'm sure you guys would like to ensure I'm correctly interpreting the data. Please let me know. I can make myself available to meet your schedule.

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2. Reuters

REPORTER: Michael Pell, [michael.pell@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:michael.pell@thomsonreuters.com), 646.223.6997

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I don't need background comments. I need someone to discuss the flaws of the TIER II reporting system with me on the record. For example, the states and local officials say they expect EPA enforces TIER II reporting requirements. If no one is ensuring the quality of the data, how reliable of a tool are the TIER II reports?

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